



### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross. This week Saturday, September 14th, we celebrate The Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

For many, the cross is seen as a sign of suffering, but by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, the cross has become for us a sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People who are suffering and their care givers have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on these crosses. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Especially this Thursday, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

Looking to the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ let us hear the echoing of these words...

*Behold the wood of the cross upon which hung the savior of the world. Come let us worship.*

-Fr. Raphael

Give peace, O LORD,  
to those who wait for you

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 22nd)

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Our Lady of Grace 2024 Harvest Festival  
Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th



## 2024 FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL September 28th & 29th

### Family Fun For All!

Free admission, Outdoor Sunday Morning Mass, Live Entertainment, Exciting Raffle, Carnival Games, International Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner and more!

Come to the Parish Office to purchase your Festival tickets (check or cash). You may also scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) and click on 2024 Fall Harvest Festival on the homepage.



### Raffle Tickets

Be sure to return them to the Parish Office by **September 27th**. Donation is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 21 tickets. You could win the Grand Prize of \$1000 or 2nd Prize of \$500! *If you need tickets, stop by the Parish Office to purchase them.*

### Cake Booth Donations Needed

If you love to bake, please considering donating your delicious creations to our Cake Wheel Booth! Items we are seeking: cakes, tarts, pies, cookies, pastries, etc. Please pack goodies in smaller portions (4 cookies, ¼ cakes or pies, 2-4 cupcakes per package, etc.) to stretch our supplies. You may use a paper plate and double cling wrap to secure the goodies. We will take both nut-free and with nuts but make sure to clearly mark the packaging. Please ensure items that contain nuts are placed in a separate container and clearly labeled.

### Drop-Off Schedule and Locations:

**Friday, September 27th:** Noon to 3:00pm at the Parish Office

**Saturday, September 28th:** 8:00am to 10:00am at the Cake Wheel Booth

**Sunday, September 29th:** 8:00am to 10:00am at the Cake Wheel Booth

### Volunteers Still Needed

Slots are being filled but we still need more volunteers! Please visit our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) and sign up by clicking on 2024 Fall Harvest Festival on the homepage. Questions? Please email Kathleen Cande at [kathycande@aol.com](mailto:kathycande@aol.com).

### Get Your Festival T-Shirts

Hurry before they run out! Cost is \$12 each child size and \$15 each adult size. Stop by the Parish Office to purchase or order online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/2024festivaltshirt>.



God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us

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### FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER September 28th at 6:00pm

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner prepared by the Italian Catholic Federation in Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (10 and under). Dinner includes Salad, Pasta Bolognese, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Wine, and Non-alcoholic Drinks. Scan the QR code to the left to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office.

### FESTIVAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

September 29th at 8:30-11:00am



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by OLG School parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 and under). Scan the QR code to the left to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office.



### FESTIVAL OUTDOOR MASS St. Francis Garden Chapel September 29th at 9:00am

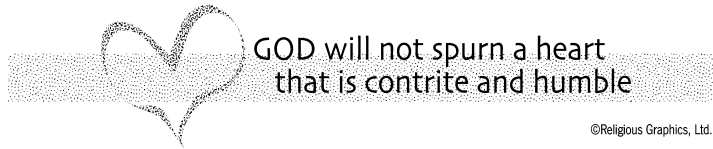
All are invited to our Outdoor Mass. This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

### BECOME A FESTIVAL SPONSOR!

Consider being a Festival Sponsor-many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in our social media and Parish Bulletin. Please call the Parish Office for details at 510-537-0806.

### DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

*There's still time to give!* This special collection allow us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. You may also use a blank envelope and please put "Priest Retirement" on the front. You may make your checks out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Thank you and God bless.



**FAITH FORMATION  
REGISTRATION  
2024-2025**  
*Classes Have Begun,  
Register Today!*

Registration for *1st Communion and Whole Family Classes* is open for children entering grades 1st–8th.

*Confirmation Registration is now closed.*

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org). On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' box.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash when registering in person.

Cost is \$120 per child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **Avoid the \$20 late fee by registering by September 15th.** Last day to register is October 6th. If you are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY &  
FAITH SHARE**

Ladies, please join us for this 8-part video Bible study on *Jesus and the End Times* presented by Dr. Brant Pitre.



This study begins on Tuesday, September 17th and runs until to November 5th (7:00-8:30pm) in Stack Center, Room 7.

If you would like to sign up, please contact Heidi Denzler at 510-881-7850 or [heidimdhl06@gmail.com](mailto:heidimdhl06@gmail.com). You may also sign up by contacting Jay in the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



**ICF'S BITES AND BINGO!**

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation invite all parishioners for a fun afternoon of *Bites and Bingo* in Stack Center, **September 21st from 11:30am to 2:30pm**. There will be delicious Hors d' Oeuvres, Desserts and Drinks, followed by Bingo and a Raffle. Entry fee is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child. Bingo winners will win big money prizes and there will also be prizes for the kids! Please make your reservations by calling Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

**Offerings for the Month of AUGUST:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,950.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,348.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [397.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,852.00]

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**Your Prayers Are Requested**

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Esperanza Ortega Alarcón | Brian Linney     |
| Susan Anderson           | Joanna Luz       |
| Lois Belmessieri         | Cheryl Miraglia  |
| Jot Brown                | Hector Paez      |
| Brian Bucholtz           | Diana Riley      |
| Virginia Cabardo         | Larry Salas      |
| Norma Dockter            | Jill Stavosky    |
| Nancy French             | Lisa Tortora     |
| Joan Gabrielli           | Arthur Williams  |
| Maria C. Gallegos        | Peggy Winkenbach |

*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

**In Memorial**

**AL ROJAS**

**CHAD WALSH**

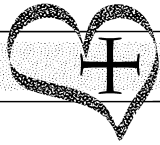
**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



**OCIA (Formerly Known as RCIA)  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our OCIA program invites all who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking full initiation into the Church. Our 2024-2025 program will begin on **October 9th** (6:30-8:00pm) in the Parish Office. Classes will be held every Wednesday evening. To register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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2024 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

Following is the status of this appeal through August 31st:

MANY MINISTRIES ONE CHURCH BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Actual Donations Received (\$26,431.00), Overall Goal for 2024 (\$29,000.00), # of Acknowledged Donors to date (103), and Funds Raised (\$29,396.00).

It's the FINAL PUSH! We are currently at 92% of our goal. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal.

We thank you for your generosity.



DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS Save the Date—November 9th Stack Center at 6:00pm

Planning for the celebration of the 43rd Year of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino is underway! Make plans to dine and enjoy an evening with our Franciscans as we raise funds supporting the Franciscan Seminarians.

Cost is \$40 per person. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Tickets are also sold at the Parish Office.



MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on October 5th.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Offer yourself up to the Immaculata !...Let her work through you, and you shall disseminate much happiness on earth even during this our time. To many a restless soul, you will give peace and serenity in God."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 15th:

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family Class 10:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 17th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Women's Bible Study 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Men's Faith Share 7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, September 18th:

Columbiette's Meeting 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 19th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:15pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Saturday, September 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

ICF Bingo 11:30am—Stack Center

Sunday, September 22nd:

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class 11:15am—Stack Center



OLG SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.olgschool.org. To schedule a tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at gmcgowan@csgo.org or call 510-581-3155.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, September 15th**  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Jasmin Magtanong – D  
9:00am OLG Community  
11:00am Andrew & Lasalette Capote – L  
1:00pm Angelina Ramires – D

**MONDAY, September 16th**  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:15am Bernie Joanino – D

**TUESDAY, September 17th**  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Amor T. Guerrero – D

**WEDNESDAY, September 18th**

8:15am John Crane – D

**THURSDAY, September 19th**

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr  
8:15am Leopoldo Luge – D

**FRIDAY, September 20th**  
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, & Paul Chõng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**SATURDAY, September 21st**

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
8:15am Kelly Joanino – D  
5:00pm Martha Sanchez – D

**SUNDAY, September 22nd**  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community  
9:00am Jim Mann – D  
11:00am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family  
1:00pm Robert Perino – D



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**September 16th through September 22nd**

Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33;  
Luke 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31;  
Luke 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;  
Luke 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
Luke 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;  
Luke 8:1-3  
Saturday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Matthew 9:9-13  
Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3;  
Mark 9:30-37

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **September**:

<b>September 20th</b>	Freddie Eugene Owens	SC
<b>September 24th</b>	Travis James Mullis	TX
<b>September 24th</b>	Marcellus “Khaliifah” Williams	MO
<b>September 26th</b>	Alan Eugene Miller	AL
<b>September 26th</b>	Emmanuel Antonio Littlejohn	OK

We ask for your prayers for these persons for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with he weapons of love and truth alone.”*

-Pope Benedict XVI, 2007

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**GREAT TURNOUT AT COFFEE AND DONUTS!**



A “Big Thank You” goes out to *OLG School* for their wonderful hospitality last Sunday. It was a beautiful morning after the 9:00am Mass, seeing each other in fellowship. See you all at the next Coffee and Donuts on October 6th.

**THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our Parish. We are grateful to them! This week we extend our gratitude to:

**BLAHA, HARTFORD & PERRY**